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Hello,

After reviewing the documents regarding the charges against Microsoft and spending many years using and supporting their products (I write this email using Microsoft Outlook), I feel that the US Courts should throw the book at Microsoft.

Most of the argument regards Web Browsers. Why is it that Microsoft Outlook, an email program, requires Internet Explorer in order for it to function? Web browsing and email are completely unrelated things. This alone tells me that I am being forced to use Internet Explorer on some level or other.

Most people don't take the time to download Netscape if another web browser is already on their computer. This is laziness, and not Microsoft's fault but they are exploiting the basic human desire of taking the path of least resistance in doing a task. To make it more interesting, HTML is a computer language that is platform independant. Why is it that Microsoft added specific HTML tags that only work in Internet Explorer. Most people don't think about it, but there are web pages I cannot browse without their html browser. I don't particularly like their browser, it functions fine, but I prefer the layout of Netscape. If you were to surf Microsoft's web page with a competitors web browser, you will find it difficult at best. This is clearly forcing me to use another piece of web browsing software, theirs, when I need to download a patch or security update for the windows operating system.

I like choice, I like Windows NT and 2000, I totally hate win95 and win98. I like unix and I like Mac OS also. I like Excel and I hate Microsoft Word with a passion (I use Word Perfect for DOS and I think much could also be said about Microsoft forcing application competitors out of the market but I don't want to take up too much of your time).

I do not like being forced into using something and I feel that I am. This is why the 13 colonies kicked out the English and this is why we broke up Standard Oil and IBM.

I'd like to see justice done.

Thanks for your time,

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